

Subject :

Spare Cylinders of Self-contained
Breathing Apparatus for Malaysian
Flag Ships

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Recently, Marine Department of Malaysian Government notified us that the Marine Department has fixed the quantity of air cylinders of Self-contained Breathing Apparatus for Malaysian flag ships, as an additional requirement to SOLAS 74, Chapter II-2, Reg-17, as follows ;

“Every self-contained breathing apparatus shall be provided with fully charged spare cylinders having a storage capacity of at least 2,400 litres of free air except that :

- (1) if the ship is carrying five sets or more of such apparatus the total spare capacity shall not be required to exceed 9,600 litres of free air; or
- (2) if the ship is equipped with means for re-charging the air cylinders to full pressure with air, free from containment, the spare storage capacity of the fully charged spare cylinders of each such apparatus shall be of at least 1,200 litres of free air, and the total spare storage capacity provided in the ship shall not be required to exceed 4,800 litres of free air.”

Our surveyors will confirm the compliance with the above requirement at the Safety Equipment Survey of the Malaysian flag ships to be held from now on. It is, therefore, recommended that necessary arrangements are made in advance.

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